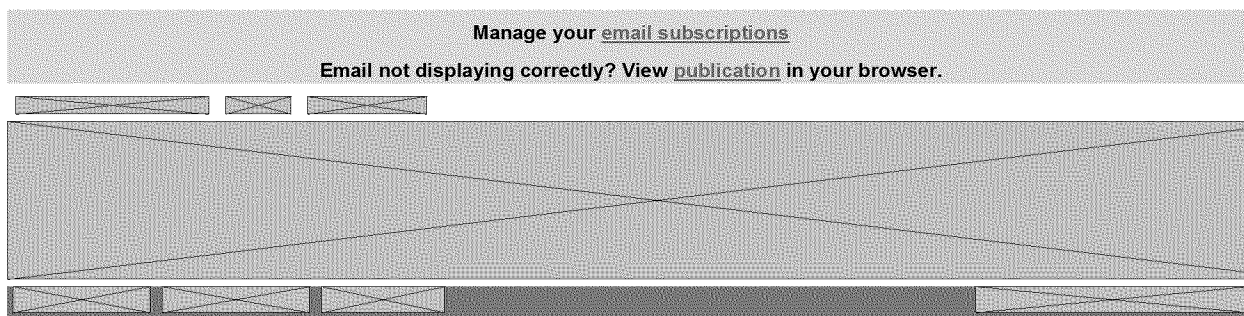


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Agriculture

Farm Bill Increases Funding for Program Requiring Agencies to Buy Biobased Products

Increased funding for an Agriculture Department program requiring the government to purchase biobased products will help agencies implement the program's expanding mandates, the Biobased Products Coalition told Bloomberg BNA Feb....

Climate Change

Carbon Capture Is Not Demonstrated Technology, Industry Groups Tell EPA

Industry groups disputed the Environmental Protection Agency's assertion that carbon capture systems are commercially available and viable at a public hearing on the proposed carbon dioxide performance standard for new power plants....

Climate Change

EPA Says Power Plant Carbon Capture Rule

Wouldn't Violate Energy Policy Act of 2005

The Environmental Protection Agency said Feb. 6 that its proposal to require carbon capture and storage systems for new coal-fired power plants wouldn't violate the Energy Policy Act of 2005 as critics contend. ...

Climate Change

SEC Fails to Enforce Guidance for Corporate Disclosure on Climate Risks, Ceres Says

The Securities and Exchange Commission isn't doing enough to enforce its requirement for corporate reporting on climate risk, according to a Ceres report....

Congress

Waxman Says Colleagues Jumped the Gun In Seeking Leadership Post on Energy Panel

Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.) complained Feb. 6 that junior Energy Committee Democrats are already vying for his post as the panel's top Democrat, a leadership position that he has no plans for relinquishing until the end of the year....

Drilling

Iowa Fracking Sand Study Warns Of Possible Water Quantity, Quality Effects

An Iowa Policy project study of sand mining for hydraulic fracturing in the state said that both water quantity and quality in northeast Iowa could suffer if safeguards aren't put in place....

Drilling

White House Completes Review of Guidance For Permitting Fracking With Diesel Fuels

The Obama administration completed interagency review Feb. 5 for an Environmental Protection Agency guidance on permitting of oil and natural gas wells where diesel fuels are used in hydraulic fracturing fluids....

Drinking Water

Senate Panel Approves Measure to Help Small, Rural Drinking Water Systems

The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee approved legislation Feb. 6 that would provide assistance to small, rural drinking water systems across the U.S....

Energy

Energy Secretary Unveils \$30 Million In Funding to Advance Solar Technology

Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz announced \$30 million in funding for 12 solar energy projects during a Feb. 6 address at the University of Texas at Austin. ...

Energy

Landrieu Prepares to Lead Senate Energy, Continue Push for More Energy Development

Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-La.), an advocate for more energy development, said Feb. 6 that she expects to be named chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee next week....

Energy

Renewable Generation Reached 13 Percent In 2013, Bloomberg Energy Analysis Finds

U.S. renewable energy generation increased to 13 percent in 2013, according to an analysis by

Bloomberg New Energy Finance that found the cost of clean energy has "reached all-time lows."...

Energy

Wyden, Cantwell Ask EIA to Examine

Price Impacts if Crude Oil Export Ban Lifted

Sens. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) announced Feb. 6 they have asked the Energy Information Administration to evaluate the impact on U.S. gasoline prices if the decades-old ban on U.S. crude oil exports is lifted....

Enforcement

Citgo Petroleum to Pay More Than \$2 Million

For Criminal Violations at Texas Refinery

A federal judge has ordered Citgo Petroleum Corp. and Citgo Refining and Chemicals Co. to pay more than \$2 million after a jury found them guilty in 2007 of violating the Clean Air Act at their Texas refinery, the Justice Department announced...

General Policy

Boots to Be Acting Chairman of CEQ

Beginning Feb. 18 After Sutley Departure

Mike Boots, chief of staff of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, will become CEQ acting chairman Feb. 18 when current chairman Nancy Sutley departs, a White House official confirmed to Bloomberg BNA. ...

General Policy

Comment Period on Standards, Ecolabels Extended

The Environmental Protection Agency has extended through April 25 the comment period on draft guidelines for evaluating the use by federal procurement offices of private sector-developed environmental performance standards for products...

Hazardous Waste

EPA Seeks Input on Hazardous

Waste Regulations in Retail Sector

The Environmental Protection Agency is seeking input about the applicability of hazardous waste regulations in the retail sector and potential options for addressing unique challenges in that sector.

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Hazardous Waste

EPA to Publish Final E-Manifest Rule

The Environmental Protection Agency will publish a regulation Feb. 7 authorizing the use of electronic manifests to track hazardous waste shipments under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. According to the EPA, the hazardous waste...

Hazmat Transport

Rail Industry Reports Rise in Oil Shipments

The U.S. rail industry transported 72,022 carloads of petroleum and petroleum products in January, representing a 10.4 percent increase compared with January 2013, according to the Association of American Railroads. The AAR released its...

Hazmat Transport

Tesoro Corp. Plans to Upgrade Rail Tank

Car Fleet to Meet Industry Design Standards

Tesoro Corp. announced Feb. 6 that it is replacing older rail tank cars used to transport crude oil with new tank cars that meet voluntary industry safety standards....

Hazmat Transport

Warner Says Senate Transportation Panel Plans Hearing on Crude Rail Shipping Safety

Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.) said in an interview Feb. 6 that a subcommittee of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing on safety issues related to shipping crude oil by rail....

Natural Resources

Senate Begins Considering Bills to Boost Volume of Timber Harvests on Federal Lands

A Senate hearing Feb. 6 set the stage for legislation to increase timber harvests and reduce litigation with the goal of boosting rural economies and forest health at the same time....

Oil Spills

Chevron Must Turn Over Documents in Ecuador Case

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(3) does not shield from discovery all materials used by testifying experts, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled Jan. 31, rebuffing a bid by Chevron Corp. to overturn a pair of discovery...

Pesticides

EPA Releases Guidance on Data Compensation

The Environmental Protection Agency released an internal guidance document on pesticide data compensation requirements for use by agency risk managers. The document, released Feb. 4, is intended to aid risk managers in ensuring that pesticide...

Pesticides

Health Canada Initiates Special Reviews Of 23 Pesticides in Response to Lawsuits

Health Canada has initiated special reviews of 23 pesticides that have been banned for use in other developed countries in response to lawsuits filed in August 2013 by Canadian environmental groups Equiterre and the David Suzuki Foundation....

Pesticides

NRDC Asks Federal Court to Compel EPA Response on Petition Seeking Pesticide Ban

The Natural Resources Defense Council is seeking a court order requiring the Environmental Protection Agency to respond to requests that the agency ban the use of two pesticides in pet flea and tick treatments (In Re Natural Res. Def. Council,...

Regulatory Policy

Senate Committee Clears Stalled Nomination Of EPA Water Official, Five Other Nominees

The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee has cleared the nomination of an Environmental Protection Agency water official that had been stalled for more than two-and-a-half years....

Security

Meehan Introduces Bill to Reauthorize Chemical Security Program for Two Years

Rep. Patrick Meehan (R-Pa.) introduced House legislation Feb. 6 to reauthorize the Department of Homeland Security's Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards program for two years. ...

Toxic Substances

EPA Finalizes New Use Regulations

For Glow-in-the-Dark Substances

Based on the potential adverse effects to exposed workers, the Environmental Protection Agency issued a final rule Feb. 6 regulating significant new uses of chemical substances that are employed as a photoluminescent dye in glow-in-the-dark...

Toxic Substances

House Hearing to Focus on 'Secret Science' at EPA

The House Science, Space and Technology Subcommittee on the Environment will hold a hearing Feb. 11 to discuss the Environmental Protection Agency's use of science following the introduction of the Secret Science Reform Act of 2014 (H.R....

Toxic Substances

House Panel to Unveil Draft TSCA Reform Bill

With Goal of March Markup, Chairman Says

House Republicans are hoping to finish a draft bill to revamp federal chemical law by late February with an eye toward moving the measure through a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee in March, a subcommittee chairman told Bloomberg BNA...

Toxic Substances

House Transportation Committee to Hold

Field Hearing on West Virginia Chemical Spill

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a field hearing Feb. 10 in Charleston, W.Va., to examine the causes and response to the release of chemicals into the Elk River by Freedom Industries Inc....

Water Pollution

House Lawmakers Invited to Join Water Caucus

Rep. John Duncan (R-Tenn.) and Rep. Tim Bishop (D-N.Y.), co-chairmen of the newly formed Congressional Clean Water Caucus, invited their colleagues to join the bipartisan caucus that was set up to educate policy makers about the innovative...

Water Pollution

Los Angeles County Asks Supreme Court

To Review Stormwater Permit Liability Ruling

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review a decision that held the district liable for violating a multi-jurisdiction municipal stormwater permit issued under the Clean Water Act (Los Angeles...

Water Resources

Boxer Says Negotiators Reach Compromise

On Key Issue in Water Resources Legislation

Negotiators have reached a compromise over a critical issue holding up the conference report on water resources legislation....

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Conflict Minerals—You Have More to Worry About Than Just the SEC

For years, activist groups have been calling attention to certain minerals that are contained in many consumer electronics, raising awareness that certain armed groups in the Democratic Republic of Congo and adjoining countries benefit...

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